

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 27, 2021 10:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

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PRELUDE Amazing Grace Arr. Bish

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dick Wigton

I was glad when they said to me

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,

"Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

* HYMN 301 (vv. 1, 4 & 5)

Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live,

A place where saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

Rock of faith and vault of grace:

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach

Beyond the wood and stone

To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,

And live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger

Bear the image of God's face;

Let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named.

Their songs and visions heard

And loved and treasured,

Taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,

Prayers of faith and songs of grace;

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

^{*}Those who are able are invited to stand.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God before whom no secrets are hid, we confess that we stop seeing our neighbors who hemorrhage with need, year after year. We grow tired of persistent problems; we keep a certain distance.

God before whom no secrets are hid, we confess that it is hard to share our own struggles with grief and alienation, with fear and doubt. The world is quick to judge, and slow to welcome.

God before whom no secrets are hid, In Jesus, you moved among us, sensing our losses, lending your strength. You healed our bodies and loosed our tongues.

Remind us now of the joy of your presence; meet each of us in the place of our need.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF FORGIVENESS

You Restore My Soul

Harris / Fury / Read

Verse 1

The Lord is my shepherd, he restores my soul. He leads me by still waters, he restores my soul. Surely your goodness and mercy are chasing after me All of the days of my life.

Chorus

Even when I'm lost in the deepest valley I'll fear no evil.
Even when the silence falls around me I know you hear me.
Even when it feels like we're separated You're holding onto me.

Verse 2

You lift my head, you wipe my tears, you restore my soul. You draw me into your embrace, you restore my soul. Surely your goodness and mercy are chasing after me All of the days of my life. **(Chorus)**

Bridge

You restore my soul. (4 times) (Interlude)

Ending

The Lord is my shepherd, he restores my soul. The Lord is my shepherd he restores my soul.

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carrie Mills

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:21-43

SERMON

The Truth that Makes Us Whole

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed Dick Wigton

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Steven Phillips

ANTHEM Psalm 121 John Ness Beck

(The Chancel Choir)

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord shall shade thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in

From this time forth, and even for evermore.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

*SONG OF VISION Beautiful Things Gungor

Verse 1

All this pain. . . . I wonder if I'll ever find my way. I wonder if my life could really change at all.

Verse 2

All this earth. . . . Could all that is lost ever be found? Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

Chorus

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust. You make beautiful things. You make beautiful things out of us.

Verse 3

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground. Out of chaos life is being found in you.

Bridge

You make me new, you are making me new. You make me new, you are making me new. **(Chorus)**

* BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE Carillon Louis Vierne